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FOLLOWING REPEAT STOCKHOLM 3134 SENT ACTION SECSTATE AUG 14.

QUOTE: C O N F I D E N T I A L STOCKHOLM 3134

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: SHUM, SW
SUBJECT: WORLD CONFERENCE TO COMBAT RACISM AND RACIAL
DISCRIMINATION, GENEVA, AUGUST 14-25, 1978

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1. IN ACCORDANCE WITH INSTRUCTIONS CONTAINED REFTEL, AIDE-MEMOIRE WAS DELIVERED TO ACTING SECRETARY GENERAL OF MFA, JAN AF SILLEN, ON THE MORNING OF AUGUST 14. IN ADDITION TO GOING OVER TEXT OF AIDE-MEMOIRE, HOPE WAS EXPRESSED THAT GOS WOULD MAKE KNOWN TO KEY AFRICAN PARTICIPANTS THAT CONFERENCE ACTION TO REAFFIRM ZIONISM-RACISM DECISION WILL HAVE MOST SERIOUS CONSEQUENCES FOR THE CONFERENCE.

2. AF SILLEN, ACCOMPANIED BY MFA DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF UN AFFAIRS HAKAN GRANQUIST, REPLIED THAT GOS VERY MUCH REGRETS NON-PARTICIPATION OF US AT CONFERENCE, SHARES US CONCERN THAT ZIONISM-RACISM ISSUE NOT BE RAISED, AND WOULD WORK AT CONFERENCE
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TO CONVEY ITS CONCERN TO AFRICAN DELEGATIONS.

3. AF SILLEN SAID GOS HAD REJECTED CONFERENCE REQUEST THAT SWEDEN CHAIR SECOND COMMISSION WHERE APPARENTLY ZIONISM-RACISM ISSUE COULD BE RAISED. HE NOTED THAT CANADA AND GREECE HAD SIMILARLY REJECTED SECOND COMMISSION TASK. AF SILLEN SAID GOS DELEGATION, HEADED

BY SWEDISH AMBASSADOR CARL DE GEER, WOULD BE ADVISED TO
CONSULT CLOSELY WITH US OFFICIALS WHO MAY BE PRESENT AT
THE MARGIN OF THE CONFERENCE. AF SILLEN SAID US
REPRESENTATION WOULD BE BROUGHT TO IMMEDIATE ATTENTION OF
FM KAREN SODER WHO IS SCHEDULED TO RETURN TO OFFICE LATER
TODAY. KENNEDY-MINOTT
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